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PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1915. THE AVERAGE NET PAID DAILY CIRCULATION OF THE EVENING LEDGER FOR AUGUST WAS 88,618. CRAZY CAMPAIGNING: ORDER and Potter are just as good Republicans as Smith. There is not a serious contender for the majority who is not a British agent.

VILLA BUBBLE BURSTS: THE Villa bubble seems to have burst. His shadowy Government is crumbling. His armies are reverting to the brigands from which they were recruited. The summary money is worthless. He is able to hold his own in a pretense of protection.

SOURCE OF HIS INSPIRATION: MRS. BRYAN, in the illuminating biography of her husband in "The First Battle," says that when Mr. Bryan was a young man his enemies were in the habit of remarking that his mouth was so large he could whisper in his own ear without difficulty.

THE DISAPPEARING SHILLING: CARUSO was proud of his mastery of the intricacies of British finance when he discovered the difference between a pound sterling and a guinea. The extra shilling specified in guinea contracts appealed to his thrifty soul.

TERRIBLE TRUTH OF STATISTICS: THE figures given out by the enemy are not the only ones that lie. Statistics are notoriously meaningless until they are translated into human terms. But between falsehood and faulty truth lies, in the statements war expense just issued, a terrible truth.

HOW LONG WILL WE STAND IT?: THE confiscation of \$2,500,000 worth of American meat by a British price court on the ground that it is contraband, carrying with it the moral certainty of the confiscation of cargoes worth \$12,500,000 more, is part of the outrageous policy of interference with neutral trade which the British Government adopted from the beginning.

A FRENCH PARALLEL TO THE FRANK CASE: The Story of Jean Calas Bears Striking Resemblance to That of the Victim of Georgia Mobs. By E. F. MAITLAND. WILL the Frank case, now that Frank is gone, bring forth its Voltairre? This is the question asked in an article published in the American Hebrew.

AN UNFORTUNATE EXPLANATION: Jean Calas was a small sheepkeeper of Toulouse. His family consisted of his wife, two daughters and four sons. The eldest son, Marc Antoine, aged 25, had tried to enter the legal profession, but had been prevented by a provision in the French law which barred out Protestants.

SPLENDID REGRETS: "I had my life to live over again," said Alexandre Dumas the elder, "I think I should elect to be a virtuoso like Paganini." What a superb ideal! The elder Dumas was a genius, a romancer without a superior, a successful and happy man.

BEYOND DEATH: In lonely bays Where Love runs wild All among the flowering grasses, Where light, light, light, as a sea bird's wing, The chuckle of the child-god passes— O to awake, to shake away the night And find you dreaming there.

BEYOND DEATH (continued): The beauty perish, Perish like a flower, And song be an idle breath; Thy heaven be a dream and youth for but an hour, And life much less than death, And the maker less than that he made, And hope less than despair.

BEYOND DEATH (continued): Hebrun, ah! white From the splendid sea, There should you awake and sing, With every sledge saved from the head to the feet, Medaled like a wood dove's wing— O to awake, to shake away the night, And find you happy there.

BEYOND DEATH (continued): The center of the city between Walnut and Arch streets and Front and Broad streets is peculiarly rich in these unmarked historical sites. Take, for example, those having to do with Benjamin Franklin, who next to Washington is America's most famous man.

HISTORY JUST AROUND THE CORNER: Philadelphia Is Richer Than Most of Us Are Aware in Places of Interest, Some of Which Are Known to Only Few Citizens or Visitors—What's to Be Done? By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL. PHILADELPHIA ought to fairly bristle with bronze tablets and other memorials of the deeds and events of the Colonial and Revolutionary periods of our history.

BIBLES AND BULLETS: The American Bible Society has sent to the Land of the Pharaohs, in the past year, 170,667 Bibles. German protests against the Bible of war orders are to be expected. A bullet is often deflected or headed by a Bible near the heart.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW: The wild boom that has occurred on Wall Street in stocks of companies that are busy filling war orders shows how readily the speculative spirit can be aroused in this country.

DEFENSE OF THE STATE: The defense of the State is wrought by horrid deeds of blood and death. But the spirit of the patriot lights up the terror and renders slaying for sake of land and home a heroic and exalted act.

UNLESS WE CAN ESTABLISH A COMPENSATING NATIVE GOVERNMENT IN MEXICO—a very doubtful contingency—we shall be saddled for generations with the managing of a country three times the size of the German Empire and inhabited by 35,000,000 people alien to us in blood, speech and tradition.

WHILE GERMANY HAS IN RECENT YEARS sought to retain as German subjects expatriates who had become naturalized in other countries, the German law does not apply to the United States. The exception is significant as showing that America's claims to the allegiance of her naturalized citizens are not lightly treated abroad.

ANDREW JACKSON OVER THE LATTER'S BANKING LEGISLATION: Third street, below Chestnut, the residence of Jay Cooke, financier of the Civil War. 301 Walnut street, home of Dr. Benjamin Rush, surgeon general of the Revolution. Walnut place near 314 Walnut street, site of the Friends' Almshouse, on which was founded the romance of Longfellow's "Evangelina."



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127 South 6th street, where still exists the oldest Dispensary in the United States. Southwest corner Tenth and American streets, supposed to be the oldest house in Philadelphia, erected about 1700. 708 Chestnut street, site of the homes of Jared Ingersoll, signer of the Constitution, and George M. Dallas, Vice President of the United States in Polk's Administration.

108 Market street, Robert Aitken's printing shop, where was printed the first English Bible in America. Northwest corner 7th and Arch streets, site of the home of David Ritzenhouse. Southwest corner 6th and Haines street, site of Pennsylvania Hall, the meeting place of the Abolitionists, destroyed by a mob in 1838.

221-23 North Water street, residence where Stephen Girard died. 413 South Tenth street, birthplace of Henry George. Northwest corner 3d and Pine streets, site of residence of John Nixon, who read the Declaration of Independence to the crowds assembled outside the hall on July 4, 1776.

WHAT'S A "REGULAR SHOW"? Spoken Drama Would Be a Novelty to Millions of Movie Fans. I gave the boy who delivers the groceries a ticket to a war melodrama recently. A few days later he described the play to me. He described it as if he were a discoverer.

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